

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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## Dates and Reminders

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**October**

All

photographs/monies  
back please

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**October**

Wild West Menu  
(for the children)  
£2.30

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**October**

Coffee Morning +  
for families with  
children who have  
special needs.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**October**

Parent  
Consultations

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

End of Term 1

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### Reminder

Can we please ask  
that at the end of  
the day children do  
not go into Acorn  
or Willow's outside  
area and play.

**Attendance** – Well done to Beech Class who had the best attendance last week.  
Who will it be next week?



## This Week in School

What a busy week with I think, a different type of weather every day! Walking through the school I have been struck by how hard the children are trying to present their work and what amazing vocabulary our children are using.

On Wednesday our Acorn Class went up to the Assembly Theatre to watch a play about Penguins. The children had a wonderful experience and behaved very well.



On Thursday I took Sam and William to the annual 'Tunbridge Wells In Bloom Competition.' I am pleased to say that we were awarded 'Gold' and we will be shortly receiving a small tree to add to our garden stock. We are so lucky to have Mrs Watkins take care of our garden areas and make sure our gardens are award winning!

## Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will be having our School Harvest Festival in the church starting at 1:30pm. We kindly ask for donations of dry goods and tins that can be distributed by St Barnabas' Church to those in need. You are welcome to join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

A busy week.

## **School Information**

### **Thank you**

We had cakes aplenty on Monday and raised £63.92 for Macmillan Cancer. Thank you so much for your support.

### **Coats**

The days are getting colder so can we please ask that all children have a named coat with them every day- thank you!

### **Clubs next week**

No Judo on Wednesday due to Exhilarate and please note there is also no Dance Club next week.

### **School Lunches**

Please make sure if you are paying for lunches with cash to use the envelopes in the tray and label carefully. Please do not leave cash loose in the tray.

### **South East Water**

South East Water have informed us that they will be carrying out work on Camden Road for one week from the 10th October. This is likely to cause some delays, so please allow extra time for school drop-off and pick-ups if required.

### **Volunteers Needed! 15th / 16th October**

One of our parents in Willow has very kindly offered to help us out with some much needed work in the playground. He will be leading a project to replace and refurbish the fencing around the classrooms and other wooden areas outside, as well as respraying all the fencing. We would love some helpers – please come along at 10am on Sat 15th and/or Sun 16th October if you can lend a hand. We are also after brightly coloured paint to re-paint the fences outside Acorn and Willow, so if you have any part-used tins hiding in your shed please bring them along on the day or drop them off at the school. Any questions, please contact Linsey on the office number or [business.manager@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:business.manager@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) . Thank you!

### ***Notes from Dave:***

***Parent Coffee on a Monday*** - Do come into the school hall after drop off and have a cup of tea or coffee. It is a chance to get to know other parents at the school and find out more about what is happening- it would be lovely to see you there!

### ***PTFA dates coming up...***

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October School Disco

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November PTFA AGM @ 9am

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Craft Workshop

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November PTFA Christmas Fayre 11- 2pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Lantern Parade

## **This week in class:**

### **Acorn**

Acorn Class have had a very busy week! We have been learning the 'a' phoneme and we have been listening for this phoneme at the beginning of words such as apple and ant; we even did some apple printing! We have been learning to count up to and recognise numbers to 10, and we have been learning some new counting songs. We have been reading lots of stories about Elmer the patchwork elephant this week, and we explored mixing the primary colours before painting our own pictures of Elmer. We talked about how Elmer is very special, and how we are all special too. We also had a fantastic trip to the Assembly Hall Theatre this week to watch Mr Popper's Penguins!

### **Willow**

This week Willow Class have been continuing to use adjectives in their writing, as well as writing a harvest poem. We have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using beadstrings to help us with subtraction. In Phonics we have learnt about words with the ue, aw and wh sounds in them. The children have been also been thinking about Harvest Festival and why it is celebrated and thinking about what their favourite foods are. In Science we have been learning about the properties of different materials and investigating which is the best material to use for a boat.

### **Beech**

Beech Class wrote fantastic book reviews about our current English book 'George and the Dragon'. Last week we learnt about using commas in our writing, so we were very excited to see commas popping up in our RE recount of our church visit! Some beautifully sensitive writing about not only the building but also our experiences, listening to words from the Bible and discussions around the altar. 3D shapes this week in Maths has challenged us to learn all about vertices, edges and faces of the shapes. Do ask Beech Class about the shapes to help deepen and keep their knowledge fresh in their minds.

### **Maple**

Continuing with our topic, Rolling Stones, we have been learning about cave paintings. We have looked at some of the most famous examples and made our own sketches. The children were most fascinated by the hand-stencilled examples that were created so long ago. They produced final pieces using tea-stained paper to give a rich backdrop to their work.

In Maths, we have been partitioning and adding 2-digit numbers. The children have used their understanding of place value to help them break numbers down and put them back together again.

Using the Michael Foreman book, 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole', we have looked at using powerful verbs to make our writing more interesting. We have also done some work on adding clauses to our simple sentences, using connectives. We have called them the strawberry jam that sticks our clauses together to make a sandwich. We broke the story down into five main parts, retold it, and are planning our own versions.

In RE, we have been learning the story of the 6 blind men and the elephant, as a way of understanding how Hindus think of individual's experiences of God. The children have been asked to re-tell this story as part of their homework.

### **Chestnut**

We have been thinking about column addition this week and how we can use this skill to help us solve problems. In topic work we have continued our Anglo-Saxon story by looking at settlements and designing our own settlements. English has focused on adjectives and adding description to our work. We did this through inventing a dragon on our own.

The children have been learning how to punctuate speech using inverted commas, commas, full stops, exclamation and questions marks. They included the correct punctuation in their own story. In music the children have been playing the 'Blues', on the recorder. In Science they examined how sound travels in waves, in the air, to the ear and then the brain.

### **Lilac**

In Maths this week, Lilac Class have been working on multiplication and division calculations using a variety of written methods. In English, we have continued our reading of 'Street Child' and have been involved in role-play, linked to the behaviour of the characters in the text. In Science, we have been looking at different materials and have devised experiments to test which are the best insulators. We have thought about whether the experiments are fair and have been hypothesising about the results. For our topic about the Victorians, Lilac Class have been making power points about child labour and the workhouse. We have also been studying the work of the Victorian landscape painters and have painted our own versions, using watercolours. We focused on perspective and colour mixing.

### **Oak**

This week in Oak Class we have started to plan our retelling of a myth. We first retold the story using drama and then went on to use a story mountain to help us with the planning stage. In our grammar work, we have been looking at how to use dashes, semi-colons and colons.

During our Maths lessons, we have been revising column addition and solving word problems.

We have continued our work on the heart and the circulatory system, watching a short video explaining how the heart works.

On Monday morning, the children met their buddies in Acorn class and shared books together.

## Secondary Transfer 2017

Please remember that the closing date is the 31<sup>st</sup> October and you can apply online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)  
If you need any help with this process please contact the school office.

**SKA Open evening- Thursday 6th October 4- 7:30pm**

**Bennett Memorial- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm.**

**The Judd School Open Mornings (Year 6 only)**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - 9.30am-10.30am.**

This is for year 6 pupils only and their parents.

Each family will be shown round by a year 7/8 and Sixth Form pupil and there will be an opportunity to view the school on a working day. Members of staff will be available to answer parents' questions but there will not be a Headmaster's talk.

There will be spaces for about 80 families on each morning (parking off-site) and in order to secure a place for one of the sessions, parents should book a place online via our website after receipt of the 11+ results on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.



Think. think. think.

**Something to think about:**

**Where does the sky start?**

Have a lovely weekend.

Moira Duncombe

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## St. Gregory's Multi-Sports Camp

If your child is between 6 and 11 years of age and enjoys a range of sports such as **football, tennis, netball, rounders, cricket, basketball, badminton, hockey and more,** perhaps he/she would like to come and join us at St. Gregory's Multi-sports camp.

### WHERE?

St Gregory's School, Reynolds Lane, TN4 9XL

### WHEN?

**Tuesday 25th Oct**

**Wednesday 26th Oct**

**Thursday 27th Oct**

If you would like to book some dates please email me and I will pencil them in. Paper work will follow at the end of the week.

**TIME?** 10 am – 3 pm

### HOW MUCH?

£15 per day. If 2 or more siblings then £12.50 each per day.

Please make cheques payable to "Mrs. K. Bradbury" and return with this completed slip to: 33 Holden Park Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 0ER

### WHAT TO BRING?

A packed lunch, plenty of fluids and snacks for throughout the day. It's also advisable to pack some sun cream and a sun hat.

### WHAT NEXT?

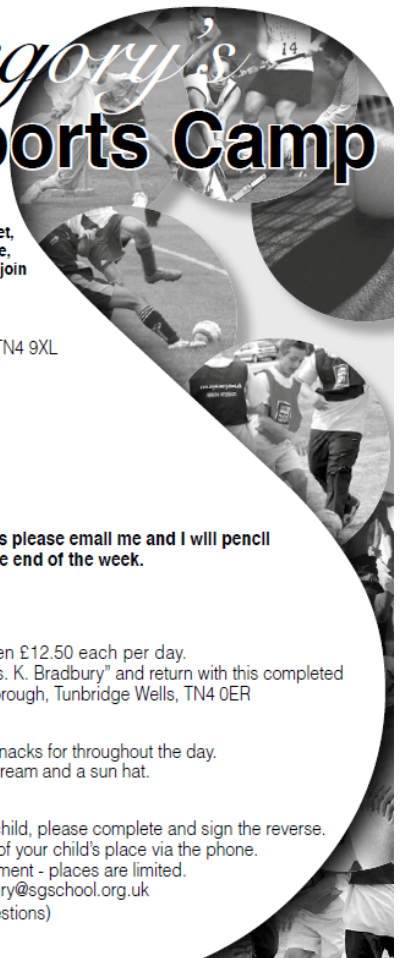
If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete and sign the reverse.

You will receive booking confirmation of your child's place via the phone.

Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are limited.

CONTACTS - Noel Bradbury [nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk](mailto:nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk)

(If you have any queries or further questions)



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October Festival of Apples@ Bough Beech Visitor Centre 12- 4pm**